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In re Patent Application of:)

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For: PROCESS FOR IN VITRO CREATION OF RECOMBINANT
POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES BY ORIENTED LIGATION

AMENDMENT
FOLLOWING OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 30, 2003

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Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a two-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2003. With the extension, the time for response is extended to December 30, 2003. A check in the amount of \$210.00 is attached herewith to cover the two-month extension of time fee. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary. However, in the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.